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TAGS: SHUM, IR

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON IRAN

1. PLEASE ARRANGE TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
MARTIN ENNALS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTER-
NATIONAL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE OF FEBRUARY 15.
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS TODAY SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

I REFER TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS SUBMITTED
UNDER COVER OF MY LETTER TO YOU OF JANUARY 31, 1978.

IN CONNECTION WITH SECTION 4 OF THE REPORT ON IRAN,
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MARTIN ENNALS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTER-
NATIONAL, HAS SENT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE A CABLE,
DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1978, WHICH STATES IN PERTINENT PART AS
FOLLOWS: "I AM GREATLY DISTURBED BY INFORMATION THAT

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THERE
WERE 100,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN. WE HAVE NEVER

GIVEN ANY AMNESTY ESTIMATE FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS IN
IRAN. THEREFORE, PERSONALLY REQUEST YOU TO ENSURE
PUBLIC CORRECTION."

FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST, WE REVIEWED
AMNESTY'S REPORTS CONCERNING IRAN. THEY FREQUENTLY REFER
TO REPORTS BY OTHERS WHICH ESTIMATE THE IRANIAN TOTAL
OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AS BETWEEN 25,000 AND 100,000.
THE REPORTS STATE, HOWEVER, THAT AMNESTY ITSELF IS NOT
ABLE TO MAKE ANY RELIABLE INDEPENDENT ESTIMATE OF THAT
TOTAL.

IN LIGHT OF MR. ENNALS' CABLE AND CONSIDERING THAT
THE 100,000 FIGURE IS NOT IN FACT AN AMNESTY ESTIMATE,
I WANTED TO DRAW THIS MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION.
SINCERELY, DOUGLAS J. BENNET, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

THANK YOU FOR POINTING OUT THAT THE FIGURE IN QUESTION
IS NOT IN FACT AN AMNESTY ESTIMATE. I REGRET THAT IT
WAS INADVERTENTLY CHARACTERIZED AS SUCH IN OUR REPORT.

PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST, I AM SENDING TO YOU UNDER
SEPARATE COVER A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORTS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. BEST REGARDS,
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3. PLEASE CONFIRM DELIVERY AND REPORT ANY REACTION. VANCE

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